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Situation Report

Hurricane Katrina Support

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The State of Missouri continues coordination with federal, state, local and non-profit agencies to provide support to relief efforts for people in areas adversely impacted by Hurricane Katrina. This support will continue through the coming weeks.

Hurricane Ophelia no longer threatens the State of Florida, but is advancing on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Missouri has not received any pre-disaster requests at this time. However, 24-hour contact via the State Warning point is available for urgent issues requiring immediate action.

The following actions have been taken by state agencies on behalf of Hurricane Katrina victims over the last 24 hours or open items of significance:

- SEMA continues to use the Presidential declaration that has been declared for the State of Missouri, to send resources to Hurricane Katrina relief.
- SEMA is monitoring the situation with normal staffing patterns, however additional staff are on call to work in the Control Room.
- SEMA's volunteer phone bank remains open. They have received 24 calls for housing assistance in the last day.
- American Red Cross reports they have assisted 3,176 families as of Sept. 13, 2005. This brings the total of "self evacuees" to 9,504.

Points of Contact:

SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.

Volunteers and Donations

Missouri Governor Matt Blunt participated in a Public Service Announcement (PSAs) promoting the Missouri Donations Hotline - 800 841-8891. Southwestern Bell Communications donated this 800 number. The number becomes operational at 10 a.m. on September 15. The PSAs will run on radio and television stations for six weeks beginning Sept 17. The Missouri Donations Hotline has been established for anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to the Hurricane Katrina victims. Trained AmeriCorps volunteers will help callers between the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

St. Louis Reception and Care Facility

The St. Louis Reception and Care Facility has stood down. Governor Blunt issued a statement that Missourians should be proud of the people who spent their time and effort to make any of the victims from the Hurricane welcome.

SEMA: SEMA Team that was at Boeing Hanger (Lambert Field) at St. Louis has returned to Jefferson City.

Department of Health and Senior Services:

As reported in yesterday's situation report, DHSS Disaster Situation Room has returned to normal operations.

DNR – Environmental Emergency Response:

DNR has returned to normal operations.

Department of Social Services:

Food Services Program continues to assist the "self evacuees" in providing food stamps under the USDA sponsored food stamp programs.

SEMA continues to monitor all the potential natural disasters and will follow up on all requests from other States.